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# Stop The T-Mobile + AT&T merger/buyout

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Dear Commissioner Michael J. Copps

FCC Mail Room

As a constituent, I am writing you today to ask you to **please offer your support in opposition to the announced AT&T buyout of T-Mobile**. I want to express my strong opposition to this proposed merger, which would have dramatically negative consequences upon the wireless communications landscape.

This is both a local and national issue of great importance and I ask for your involvement.

I am a current T-Mobile customer and have been a customer for over ten years. I have no desire whatsoever to be an AT&T customer or for AT&T to benefit in any way from my business. If this deal were to go through, I would have no choice in the matter given the resulting national duopoly that this deal would create.

It is my opinion that the following negative consequences would come to pass, should this bad business deal be permitted to occur:

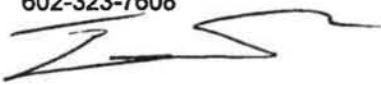
- **Choice of handsets would be further limited** within the US market, thus restricting handset manufacturer competition and innovation.
- **Service contracts would become more restrictive** and one-sided, resulting in consumers being locked-in to these strong-arm contracts which demand huge financial penalties for consumers, with virtually no risk for the carriers.
- The national carriers would be able to **raise prices** on contract rates and services unchecked by the **lack of competition** in the marketplace.
- **Jobs would be lost** as "synergy" and "economies of scale" were put into effect by the new organization.
- There would be fewer opportunities for third-party vendors who supply services and materials to T-Mobile and AT&T, as the larger resulting carrier would have immense and nearly complete control over the marketplace for said products and services.
- Innovative companies such as Apple, Google, Microsoft, and RIM/Blackberry would be at the mercy of these gigantic mega-national carriers. Without permission to carry their innovative, highly-competitive products and services, these players would be **strangled into submission**, as there would be no venue to bring their offerings to the market. **Who brought you the iPhone? Who brought you Android phones? Why brought you Blackberries?** It certainly wasn't innovation by AT&T or Verizon!
- Were this deal to go through, I find it very likely that Sprint would be forced to sell or merge with Verizon, thus further limiting competition within the national market, further limiting competition and consumer choice. I am not alone in this opinion, as it has been expressed by many others.
- The resulting mega-corporation **would create an immensely powerful political entity** where previously the opinions of corporate AT&T and T-Mobile would often differ. These differing opinions would be completely silenced with no replacement at hand.

**Please oppose the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile! This is a bad deal for the United States as a whole!**

Finally, let it be known that this letter was written by myself at my own behest, and is not a part of any larger organized campaign, and is a direct and true reflection of my own opinion and judgment.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

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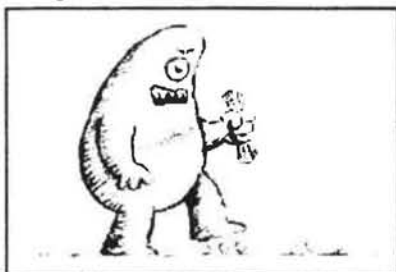
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# In AT&T & T-Mobile Merger, Everybody Loses

By [Om Malik](#) Mar. 20, 2011, 1:53pm PT [304 Comments](#)

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The lull of my lazy, rainy weekend was broken by the news that AT&T plans to acquire T-Mobile USA for a whopping \$39 billion in cash and stock. Who wins and who loses in this deal? It's hard to find winners, apart from AT&T and T-Mobile shareholders. Here is a list of who loses, in my opinion, in this deal:

**Consumers.** The biggest losers of this deal are going to be the consumers. While AT&T and T-Mobile are going to try to spin it as a good deal to combine wireless spectrum assets, the fact is, T-Mobile USA is now out of the market.

T-Mobile USA has been fairly aggressive in offering cheaper voice and data plans as it has tried to compete with its larger brethren. The competition has kept the prices in the market low enough. This has worked well for U.S. consumers. With the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile, the market is now reduced to three national players: AT&T, Verizon and Sprint. Net-net, U.S. consumers are going to

lose.

**Phone Handset Makers.** Before the merger was announced, the handset makers such as HTC and Motorola had two major carriers who could buy their GSM-based phones. They just lost any ability to control price and profits on handsets because now there is a single buyer that can dictate what GSM phones come to market. Even with LTE becoming the standard for the 4G world, it would essentially be a market dominated by three buyers (should Sprint go with LTE), which would place handset makers at the mercy of the giants.

**Sprint.** The nation's third-largest carrier was in talks to buy T-Mobile according to Bloomberg, but AT&T's offer has now pushed Sprint to the bottom of the pile in terms of size and potentially spectrum assets if it goes through. If it doesn't go through, then Sprint now has a price it has to match in order to get its hands on T-Mobile. Plus, Sprint and T-Mobile often stood against AT&T and Verizon on a variety of regulatory issues, so if AT&T succeeds, Sprint will stand alone on special access and other issues.

**Network Equipment Suppliers.** The carrier consolidation has proved to be a living hell for companies that make infrastructure network equipment. Alcatel-Lucent, along with Ericsson and Nokia Siemens, are suppliers of gears to both AT&T and T-Mobile USA. With a single customer, they will lost ability to control their own fate and are going to see their profits suffer as a result.

**Google.** I think the biggest loser in this could be Google. In T-Mobile, it has a great partner for its Android OS-based devices. Now the company will be beholden to two massive phone companies — Verizon and AT&T — who are going to try to hijack Android to serve their own ends.

Don't be surprised if you see AT&T impose its own will on what apps and service are put on its Android smartphones. I wouldn't be surprised to see the worst phone company in the U.S. (according to *Consumer Reports*) tries to create its own app store and force everyone to buy apps through it.

It doesn't matter how you look at it; this is just bad for wireless innovation, which means bad news for consumers. T-Mobile has been pretty experimental and innovative: It has experimented with newer technologies such as UMA, built its own handsets and has generally been a more consumer-centric company. AT&T, on the other hand, has the innovation of a lead pencil and has the mentality more suited to a monopoly: a position it wants to regain.

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